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Minimum wage rises to \$4.75

Moriah Vierkant
page editor

The minimum wage increased from \$4.25 to \$4.75. Oct. 1 and will total 80 cents within the next two years.

At first glance, the idea of raising wages seems good, but it may create problems.

The 80 cent increase will raise the prices on many consumer goods, like fast food and groceries.

"The minimum wage increase will have more of an impact on students who eat out regularly," Business Program Director Ashton Oravetz said.

The increase will affect the 250-300 students in the student assistantship program because of salary increases and the job program will become more appealing others.

"The school budgeted for the minimum wage increase in the new fiscal rate for 1996-97," Human Resources Director Linda Fleet said. "TJC will do whatever is necessary to not reduce the number of student assistants because of the minimum wage increase."

Some student assistants are already having doubts about the number of jobs that will be available at the new rate.

"Because of the increase, I think there will be less lab assistant jobs available to students," Sophomore Biology Major Matt Coles said.

The actual impact on student employment will not be known for a while.



Gregory Alan-Williams

'Baywatch' actor to speak tomorrow

"Baywatch" co-star Greg Alan-Williams will open the Student Enrichment Series at 10 a.m. tomorrow in the Apache Rooms. Free tickets required for admission may be picked up in the student activities office in Roger Student Center. Emmy-award winner Alan-Williams, author of "A Gathering of

Heroes" will speak about pluralism and ethics. His topics are "Rage: Relinquish It", "Recovery from Racism" and "Accept Responsibility."

Drs. Bertice Berry, Robert Steele and Charles Pellegrino, all Ph. Ds, will complete the series.

Berry, a former sociology instructor from Kent State University, became a comedian with a serious message about racism and sexism.

Steele, internationally known in media ethics, directs the ethics program at Poynter Institute for Media Studies in St. Petersburg, Fla. He teaches ethics to journalism professionals and students in public schools and colleges.

Pellegrino, the man who inspired "Jurassic Park," also worked with robot exploration of the Atlantic Ocean and has found a way to raise the Titanic.

Elections come, voters prepare

Tiffenii Hawkins
staff writer

Although voter registration has ended, people who are registered in another town or state, can vote in the Nov. 5 Presidential election in person or by mail. Students can call the registrar's office in their hometown to request a ballot by mail. They should mark their ballot and return it to the indicated address.

Students who are not registered, can get forms in local post offices and in the registrar's office. Though it is too late to register to vote in the Presidential election, students claiming Tyler as their permanent address can go to the county Registrar's Office in the basement of the Smith County Courthouse and complete an application.

Americans citizens 18 and over are eligible to vote.

Though the Presidential election gets the most publicity, the Nov. 5 ballot includes state and U.S. Senator, mayor, county judge and justice of the peace offices.

Week emphasizes deaf awareness

Nikki Hudson
page editor

The Tyler Metro Association Deaf Awareness Week is a national event. The week is a way to build a bridge between deaf and hearing citizens.

The citizens week opened on Sept. 21 with a crowd of 200 at a dinner at Harvey Hall.

Interpreter Training Director Dr. Judy Barnes was excited with the deaf awareness interest of the community.

"There [was] something taking place every day of the ... week and every ... event [was] free," Barnes said.

Three instructors respect this week because it is a celebration of their everyday lifestyle. One is Deaf Interpreting Trainer Kathy Walters.

Spinal meningitis made Walters deaf at age 7.

"I can't find anything tough

about teaching ... inspirational things ... when someone learns from me and is able to use what they have learned in every day life," Walters said.

Walters has been a Tyler Metro Association member of the Deaf since it was established in 1993 and was president last year.

"It has given me more confidence in myself and enables me to communicate better in the hearing world," Walters said.

Closed-captioned news casts enable the deaf to keep in touch with what is going on in the world. In turn, the television typewriter (TTY) helps the deaf communicate with others close or abroad.

"I help out with many things, but mainly I make sure the deaf are aware they can call 9-1-1 or their TTY in East Texas. I volunteer with the 9-

1-1 network of East Texas Association of the Deaf 9-1-1

Communication of which I'm co-chair," Walters said.

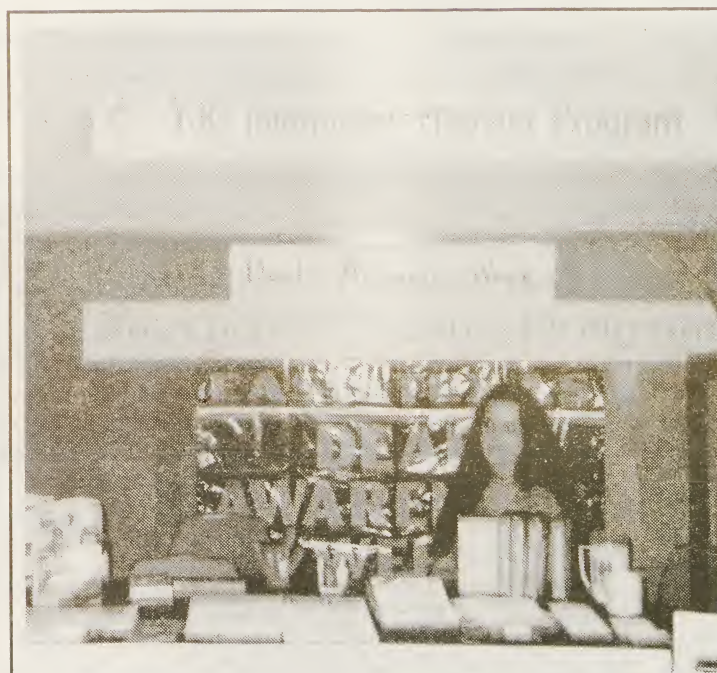


photo by Nikki Hudson

The deaf awareness booth in Jenkins Hall drew attention during Deaf Awareness Week, a time set aside to make students and faculty aware of deaf people in the community.

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Hm-m-m...ever wonder why?

George McKinney
page editor

Some occurrences in our society are mysterious and unexplainable. They are unsolved puzzles, mind benders, paranormal enigmas, perplexing brain teasers, things that do not make sense, things that make you go h-m-m-m.

For example, why are there 10 wieners in a package, but only eight hot dog buns? Have the two missing buns eloped or are they fugitives on the run? Are they in the B.W.P.P. (bun witness protection program)? Could it be that the wieners conspired to murder the two buns and are now involved in a cover-up to rid the world of buns?

Why do flight attendants tell you to put your seats in an upright position in preparation for a crash landing? Why would it matter what position you are in if you're hurling several hundred miles per hour to your death? When the crash investigators are sifting through your charred remains, they're not likely to say, "Gee, Bill, that guy didn't put his seat up."

Why do mail carriers wear those stupid Bermuda shorts? Do they think the razor-sharp teeth of a 200-pound Rotweiler won't penetrate their soft flesh, or is it to hide that awful tan they got on vacation? Maybe the world would blow up if they suddenly wore longer, sensible shorts. Will not wearing these shorts morally corrupt our society and make it a more hellish world than it already is? Probably not.

Why do people continually tell folks like me they need to go back where they came from? Going back from where I came from would be practically and physically impossible. I've never been to Africa, I don't speak the language and I'm too tall and big to go back to my mother's womb. These people are really stupid, considering my ancestors were packed on a ship like sardines. Do you think Kathie Lee Gifford and the Carnival Cruise line went to Africa and offered my great-greats this unbelievable deal as the first 100 people to sign up? Did they offer fun-in-the-sun, four-star living conditions, meals provided by French chefs and all the cotton you can pick? If only my friends could see me now. Yeah, right!

Other twisted and weird occurrences make you say "Hm-m-m."
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Anila D'Sa
page editor

"What effect will raising the minimum wage have?"



Coreen Harris



Kristy Killinger

"It's unfair to people who've worked for a long time. It doesn't affect their wages."

"It will help the students that need the money. It was a good idea. I think it should have been put up more."



Chad Cook

"It will be a lot better for college students."



Irazy Reyna

"It might change, but still people have a lot of bills. If you don't have a budget it doesn't matter how much you make. It's good."

Students urged to exercise rights

Politicians bombard the media with mud-slinging against their opponents. Some people—students included—use this as an excuse for not voting, but that excuse is no longer valid.

Student involvement in voting could change election results, according to the College Democrat, a college journalists' newsletter. In 1994, for example, Congressman Sam Gejdenson, D-Cohn., won by only 21 votes. If a few more students had voted, that election could have been changed.

In 1992, 2.4 million people between the ages of 18 and 24 were eligible to register to vote. Of those, 12.8 million registered and 10.4 million voted, according to U.S. Census Bureau Statistics.

Ignorance is no excuse for college students. Registering and voting are easy. If people have time to complain about the government, they should grasp the opportunity to change it. Election Day is that chance.

Students can early vote Oct. 16 through Nov. 1. Regular voting takes place Nov. 5. Students in Smith County who want to vote should call Voter Registrar Mary Morris at 535-0657 for their precinct voting location.

Those who live outside of Smith County can call their county Voter Registrar for information on voting locations and how to vote by mail.

Voting is a right and a privilege which should not be taken lightly. Registering and not voting is as ignorant as not

registering at all. The Voter Van even came to campus. It does not get easier than that.

For the last several elections, people seem to have voted *against* rather than *for* a candidate. Before voting, look at the candidates. Educate yourself. Do not take the word of the mud-slinging parties, but instead do some research. After all, the person you vote for may be your leader for the next four years. Remember, too, that candidates for other offices—from sheriff to local officials—may affect your life as much as the president.

Voters who lack time for personal research, can consider whether they are better off now than they were four years ago. If they answer "yes," Clinton is their man. A negative answer though, should lean them towards Dole.

Perot, unfortunately, really does not have a chance. As interesting as it may be to think about a third party candidate in the White House, they only take votes from the party which their beliefs are most similar. In this case, Perot will take votes from Dole. Voting for someone from a third party almost always proves to be a wasted vote.

Just take the time to vote. Every single vote counts, especially in a huge state such as Texas. Do not vote for someone just because others are. Voting should be taken seriously. Your one vote could be the deciding factor. You have nothing to lose but your voice.

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Staff Writers were also incorrectly identified. They were: Marsha Arriola, Cameron Craddock, Jared Denniston, Heidi Doubet, Tiffenii Hawkins, Christina Lawson, Glen McWilliams, Molly Smith and Chris Taylor.

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Panelists discuss journalism ethics

by Cammie Brooks
page editor

Brad Watson, WFAA-TV Channel 8 reporter, moderated a panel of four professional journalists and raised questions answered by at a recent student journalism workshop.

Panelists were Jim

Ryan, WBAP 820AM reporter, Mercedes Olivera, Texas Christian University journalism professor and Dallas Morning News columnist, Lawrence Young, Arlington Telegraph editor and Virgillo Avila, KUVN-TV Channel 23 anchor.

"Should Deion Sanders' divorce be covered in the media?," Watson asked.

Most said covering this issue was unimportant to society and considered trashy journalism.

"When you publish something like that, you are eroding the credibility of the industry," Young said. "You have to look at the long-term view of what the effects will be."

"Do you print the names of a family who was victimized by a gang," Watson asked. The consensus was not to print victim's family names.

Students added their opinions after the panelists spoke.

The lunch time session gave students a chance to get involved with real, critical issues and possibly affect future media coverage.

Southern Methodist University and the Dallas Fort Worth Hispanic Journalists Association sponsored the workshop on the SMU campus.

New group to aid students

Four students attended the first meeting of Jump Start this week.

This new support group gives students a place to talk about their experiences and frustrations. Special Populations Counselor Melinda Coker.

They will meet in LRC 5 in Vaughn Library one hour a week to discuss their problems. Call Coker at 510-2496 for meeting time.

Flu Shots

Nurses Joyce Martin and Judy Carr, both vocational nurse education instructors, will give flu shots from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays in the Health Services Office in the Student Center. They also provide first aid, blood pressure checks, T.B. skin tests, immunizations, consultations and health information.

Students, faculty and staff can get a flu shot in this way:

- Go to the cashier's office in White's Administration Center and pay the \$5 fee.

- Take the receipt to the nurses' office between 11 and 5 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

- Receive your immunization.

Internships

The National Directory of Internships lists work opportunities in more than 85 fields. Opportunities for undergraduate, graduate and high school students, as well as those not in school, mid-career professionals are included and retired people.

Each listing gives:

- name, address, phone number, contact name and organization description.

- internship description, locations and responsibilities.
- eligibility, application requirements and deadlines.

For information, or to order the Directory, contact NSEE: 3509 Haworth Drive, Suite 207, Raleigh, NC 27609-7229.

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Computer Labs

Computer, math and English labs are open to assist students in Pirtle Technology T-315: Mon.-Thurs.

7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m.
Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sat. 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sun. 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Interactive Computer Learning Center (ICLC) in Vaughn Library is open:

Mon.-Thurs.

7:30 a.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Fri. 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 1 - 3:45 p.m.
Sun. 1 - 4:45 p.m.

Students can request peer tutors for the Fall semester. Lab hours include:

Math Tutorial Lab Potter 001:

Mon. 1 - 7 p.m.
Tues. 1 - 8 p.m.
Wed. 1 - 7 p.m.
Thurs. 1 - 6 p.m.

English Tutorial Lab Jenkins 1108:

Mon. - Tues.
3:30 - 8 p.m.

Wed. - Thurs.
2 - 6:30 p.m.

Jenkins 1104:
Mon. - Tues.
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Wed. - Thurs.
3 - 6 p.m.

Both labs currently have MS Office (Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint), MS Works and Wordperfect 5.1.

ICLC has the CSR program for developmental math, reading and writing.

Pirtle open lab T-315 has: Fortran, COBOL, C++, Quick BASIC, and Visual Basic programming languages. Various nursing tutorials, Windows and DOS tutorials, Wordperfect 6.0 and 6.1, Internet access through Netspace software and to the TJC bulletin board are also available.

A TJC Student ID must be presented when checking into the lab and must have the current semester sticker on the back. Student ID cards and update stickers may be obtained in the ICLC lab when students present their paid receipt for the semester.

Students can use 3 libraries

Heidi Doubet
staff writer

Libraries are great sources of information and quiet places to study. Vaughn Library on campus is a wonderful resource. TJC students can also use two Tyler libraries.

Tyler Public Library, located at 201 S. College is open 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For additional information call 903/ 593-7323.

To check out books, the borrower needs to bring their name and address verification and the address of a contact in case the borrower cannot be

reached, TPL Aide Deborah Turner said.

Borrowers who live within Tyler city limits or pay Tyler city tax can check out unlimited books free.

Borrowers who live outside the Tyler city limits pay \$2 for 5-book punch-card, \$6 for 15-book card and \$10 for 25-book punch-card. Once the books borrowed exceed the punch-card limit, borrowers must purchase a new punch-card. The borrowed books can be used

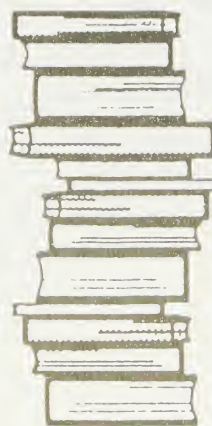
for up to three weeks.

The Robert R. Muntz Library on the University of Texas at Tyler campus is another option, Muntz Library Aide Gerry Fielding said. TJC students may borrow three books at a time by filling out a card, showing their student I.D. and current driver's license.

Library hours are 7:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday and 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

UTT also has computer resources, Electronic Resources Coordinator Marilyn Greene said. Anyone can access the Internet Site, "The Texas State Electronic Library," a series of world web sites that link the network to other server bases. Only students can use the library for information accessed through the program. Baccalaureate students can access any computer programs on campus by the TJC and UTT agreement. Students can sign up for this program on either campus if their degree plan fits the requirements.

UTT staff would like for students to come to a training session to learn how to use the library computers.



Computers offers students new services

Internet classes begin

Chris Taylor
staff writer

Students can now take courses without coming to campus. Those who have families, live far from campus or have other special access needs will find the class via computer especially useful. Six computer classes, two English classes and a business course are available this semester.

Next semester, English Instructor Candace Schaefer will offer English 1301, English 1302 and English 2333 over the Internet.

Worldgroup, a service provided by galactic.com allows students to take courses by Internet. Although it is mainly designed for course work, anyone can check out TJC's home page at <http://www.tyler.cc.us> for information about courses.

"The program began with about 10 students, but now includes approximately 140," Computer Instructor Gay Getz said. "We're on the beginning edge."

"Students (can) take courses they normally would never be able to take without this service," Getz said.

Although no student e-mail accounts are now available, on-line service is vital for some. Sometime soon, a full associate's degree may be offered through computer classes.

It's like a real class, I know some of

my Internet students better than the ones I see face to face," Schaefer said.

The service is open to anyone willing to try it.

Writing labs in Jenkins open

Scott Crump
staff writer

Computer labs with Internet access are located in 1108 and 1104 Jenkins Hall.

"These labs are open to all students with a valid current TJC identification," English Instructor Noamie Byrum said.

Students may use the lab for search, writing and course assignments. Lab assistants are available.

Byrum suggests that students stop in to try the Internet which offers something everyone can enjoy.

Lab hours are:
• J1108 Mon.-Tues. 3:30-8 p.m.; Wed.-Thurs. 2-6:30 p.m.,
• J1104 Mon.-Tues. 4:30-7:30 p.m.;

Wed.-Thurs. 3-6 p.m.

New equipment to speed check-out

Marsha Arriola
staff writer

New computer equipment has been installed in Vaughn Library, which will eventually help speed the now-slow process of circulation and checking out books, Marian Jackson, library information services director, said.

New computers with C.D. Rom and Internet system expansion are ready to use.

Plans for more equipment are underway, but no completion date is set. A new data track will make needed materials more accessible. Students may soon be able to just dial from home to a card catalog data base, Jackson said.

Jackson said, "We don't want our students to walk out empty-handed. We want students to feel comfortable."

"No question is dumb. We can't supply everything, but we can point them in the right direction," she said.



Museum shows Texas art

Chris Taylor
staff writer

The Tyler Museum of Art "State of the State: Contemporary Art in Texas," show remains open until Nov. 3 in the Bell Gallery.

These works made in Texas are contemporary pieces from the San Antonio Museum of Art collection. They illustrate stylistic and ideological features of the last 30 years.

Among the exhibits are: Marilyn Lanfear's "Diana's Huipil," Adam St. John's "Remember the Alamo" and Danville Chadbourne's "The Redemption of Impulsive Aspiration."

Vernon Fisher's "Untitled Globe," is a monochrome, realistic rendering of a swimmer on an unorthodox surface, the Pacific Ocean on a globe.

"State of the State" celebrates the richness of artistic traditions.



photo by Moriah Vierkant

Groundsman Richard Clark tills the ground in preparation for the seeds outside of Potter. Groundsmen planted perennial and annual rye last week to beautify the campus. They worked on plowing, planting and watering the seeds for a week. The seed should sprout in about a week if students stop walking across them, Physical Plant Director Wilfred "Bill" Paradis said.

62-voice Choir sings to bless others

Asia Washington
staff writer

The 62-voice TJC Gospel Choir "encourages students to establish a personal relationship with Jesus and fosters feelings of pride, self esteem and camaraderie," Sponsor Mechelle Dews said.

The group meets at 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays for Bible study and at 7 p.m. to rehearse. President Ptolemy Stegall directs them and Demarcus Pierson is head musician. Sophomore James Brown conducts Bible study before every practice.

The Choir, which started in 1971, has traveled to Prairie View Agricultural and Mechanical University to show their talent and "the unity a group has when it is under God," Freshman Tenor Todd Daniels said.

"The Choir is an excellent means by which students discover their spirituality. It brings students together from all backgrounds, races and denominations," Admissions

counselor Dews said.

Friendships through choir fellowship is a support system for students, she said. The Choir, open to all TJC students, most recently reorganized last fall. "We invite all students interested in joining

to be a part of this great organization!" Dews said.

"My

key to success with directing the Choir is to know that spiritually it's not me, but God and to God be the glory," Nacogdoches sophomore Stegall said. "When I come to rehearsal, I have to be focused. It's like switching on, 'I have to concentrate now.'"

"The goal of having the Choir here on campus is so students will have a relation-

ship with God while in school.

We minister "through our music so no souls will be lost," Stegall said.

Bible study helps coordinate everyday life for students from the word of God, he said.

"The choir lets all the

Christians get together and praise the Lord. Bible study...

helps me grow closer in the Lord," Sophomore Kimberly Gross, an alto from Fort Worth, said.

"I think Bible study ... will let you know that God is real," Charles Greene Jr., a freshman from Omaha, Texas, said.

"Bible study is a very vital part of spiritual growth," Soprano Tovah Brown said. She is Student Senate representa-

tive for the group. "It is important for us to ... comprehend what we are singing, and having Bible study helps to accomplish that," Brown said.

"The purpose of having the Choir isn't just to sing, but to bless others as we have been blessed by the grace of God. The Choir is uplifting to my spirit and it helps me to get through the rest of the week. I am grateful to God for guiding me to such a talented group of people," Smith said.

"Bible study gives everyone the opportunity to come and express their views and opinions on what the Lord our God is trying to show and teach us," Monisha Ellis, choir student representative said.

The Choir will perform Oct. 19 at East Texas Baptist Association Heritage Building. It is located on the old Butler College property on east Houston Street. For more information, call Dews at 510-2393.

Baptist Center Opens

Green Acres Baptist Student Center, at 1505 Troup Highway, is open to students.

"The center is open Monday through Friday, except Wednesdays, when we shut down for regular church activities," Youth Director Bob Billups said. "Our hours are generally 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Except Fridays when we shut down around 9 p.m."

Green Acres hopes to offer fellowship and discipleship, he said.

Some activities are: sand volleyball, basketball, billiards, ping pong and foosball.

"So far, things have gone well," Billups said. He encourages all students to keep God first in their lives.

For more information contact Green Acres Baptist Church at 903/593-9424.

New group to aid students

Students who are having problems with college life met last week in LRC 5, on the second floor of the Library, for the first session of Jump Start. The rest of the sessions will continue weekly.

"The Jump Start Club helps students adjust to college life with a group experiencing the same kind of problems," Special Populations Counselor Melinda Coker said.

Jump Start is a support group where students can talk about their experiences and frustrations, Coker said.

For more information, about when the next sessions are scheduled and how to join, call Coker at 903/510-2496.

Optician students get equipment

The Texas Refraction Society gave equipment and software worth more than \$3,800 to the optician technician program. TRS President Ken Van Cleave presented the materials.

"This donation will ... (give students) the opportunity to work with advanced and modern equipment and software," TRS Optician Technician Robbins said.

Students learn to make and fit lenses, use measuring devices, instruments, machines and hand tools to make prescription eyewear. They can earn a proficiency certificate in less than a year and some work experience as technicians before they complete the program.

Book bags can be health hazard

That backpack or duffle bag that holds all the books and other things necessary for a school day may actually be dangerous, Doctor of Chiropractic Chris Lambert said.

The risk lies in the details. The ideal bag should weigh less than 10 pounds. When it is carried, the weight should be centered close to the body.

If people are carrying duffle bags, Lambert said, they should "balance the load" by taking some contents and carrying them in the opposite arm.

Overweight and mis-handled book bags or packs can cause pelvic and spinal misalignment and painful muscle spasms, Lambert said. Other symptoms may be headaches or hip pains.

Students donate 210 coats

Coats for Kids is off to a good start, thanks to students who collected 210 coats, jackets and sweaters. Volunteer Association members delivered the coats to PATH representatives last week.

Coats for Kids, sizes infant to adult, are still being collected in Potter Hall

Students Shannon Bruhn, Lon Graham, Misty Hamm and Chris Stephens led the project, supervised by Rebecca Foster, sociology and psychology instructor.

Coats are still being collected in Potter Hall. "Please bring your donations here or call TJC News, 510-2299 for pick-up," Nikki Hudson said. Kids range from infant to adult sizes and many more coats

are needed.

Coats will be distributed to needy families on Saturdays in November. Area dry cleaners clean and repair the donated winter wear.



photo by Nikki Hudson

Student volunteers help load donated coats, sweaters and jackets into a PATH van near Jenkins Hall.

Planetarium offers new programs

Moriah Vierkant
page editor

Hudnall Planetarium visitors can see two new programs, Planetarium Director Bill Walker said.

"More Than Meets the Eye" teaches participants to take full advantage of a telescope.

"The show describes the actual view which most of us get when we look at these wonderful objects with our own small telescopes," Walker said.

This program runs at 2 p.m. Sundays and at 1 p.m. Wednes-

days till Nov. 27.

"Seasons' Greetings" gives participants a factual look at how stars relate to Thanksgiving and Christmas traditions.

"You will hear some of the traditions of early pioneer settlers in America, an American Indian tale about the stars and discover some brand-new Christmas constellations made up by our own staff," Walker said.

"Seasons' Greetings" runs at 2 p.m. Sundays and at 1 p.m. Wednesdays Dec. 4-Dec. 17.

The Planetarium and East

Texas Astronomical Society will host "Star Parties," Saturday nights just after sunset next Saturday, Nov. 16 and Dec. 14.

"This fall we will be looking at our solar system's biggest planet, Jupiter, with its colorful

cloud belts and four bright moons, at our own moon with its ragged craters and jagged peaks, as well as at some double stars and star clusters," Walker said.

Wonder why?

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Why are bread ties different colors? Green: the color someone turned when they ate it; black: for the times it had been dropped on the floor; white: the color they sprayed it to cover the times it had been dropped on the floor; brown: when they had to substitute it for toilet paper.

How come people who are against abortions want the doctors tried and executed or just murdered on their way to work? These people are really bright.

How come you see a mother in the supermarket with an unruly child as another woman says her child would never behave like that? She knows her son is in prison for killing a doctor who performed abortions.

Why does a preacher condemn others for their unforgivable sins? Then the holy man ends up on "Hard Copy" in a room with a prostitute, smoking weed, sipping Jack Daniels, paying off a politician and watching Pauly Shore movies. The partying is forgivable, but Pauly Shore—that's just sick. What was the Rev. doing there? Giving a private sermon on the joys of helping others.

Some experiences have no explanations. They remain inconsistencies that make the normal person say, "What in the hell were you doing and did anybody understand Pulp Fiction?" Hm-m-m.

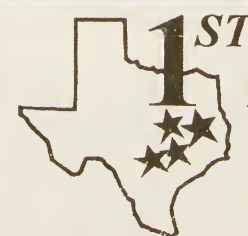
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Cowboys could learn from Rangers

Jason Campbell
staff writer

The "Hunt for Red October" came and went, but Juan Gonzalez couldn't take down the Yankees. Despite the Texas Rangers disappointing division series loss to New York, caused by exploitation of their weak bullpen and absence of the rest of

their offense, most notably the usually dependable Rusty Greer, who went 2 for 16 in the series, the Rangers gave us something to cheer for in October. Had they been able to hold a lead, they would have swept the Yankees. But they didn't. That's all right.

They didn't gain a spot in the American League Championship Series, but they gained post-season experience, which will help them in years to come.

Also making this October interesting, the whole time we were yelling "Go, Rangers!", we were asking "What's wrong with the Dallas Cowboys?" For the first time ever the Rangers won the "Division Champs" title while the Cowboys are near the "Division Doormats" title. The team that deserves a division title finally has one while the team that expects one is getting stepped on.

I sat with a smile on my face as I watched the Rangers celebrate and congratulate each other after clinching the Western Division Championship. It was like watching your little brother, after getting beat up by a bully for a long time, finally knock the bully out. You couldn't help but be proud of them. In this day of selfish athletes and over-paid crybabies, watching the Rangers was refreshing. Work their formula for success: good talent + team work + unselfishness + a

coach to mold it all together = a winning team. If they ever get a tough middle relief and a dependable closer, they'll be unstoppable.

The Cowboys, however, are in total disarray. They have all the TV attention, the commercials, the merchandise sales and the hype. Yet everytime they walk on the field,



fans are not sure which team is going to show, defending champs or defending chumps.

It's pretty sad because the Cowboys are still the most talented team in the NFL. Granted, they have been without pro-bowlers Michael Irvin, out five games with a drug suspension, and Jay Novacek, out with a season ending back injury. Emmitt Smith is also bumped and bruised. Still, theirs are the best offensive line, one of the best quarterbacks, a tough defensive front and an outstanding secondary. They started out this season as a mediocre team instead of the dominating team we're used to because of one word: ATTITUDE.

They just don't have a winning attitude. You can tell by the looks on their faces. Instead of feeling sorry for themselves, they need to suck it up and battle the way the Indianapolis Colts and other teams

with less talent have.

Any coach will tell you, a team of players with good attitudes is better than a group of talents with questionable attitudes and desire.

Do the Cowboys' have too much talent and too many stars? I don't think so. The Rangers are also an extremely talented team. MVP candidate Gonzalez and defensive standout Ivan Rodriguez give them plenty of star power, as do this year's most-improved-player Kevin Elster, hustle-king Rusty Greer, ace Ken Hill and seasoned vet Will Clark.

The difference is, with skipper Johnny Oates as the catalyst, the Rangers' talent blends into a team, thus producing a division title. The Cowboys' talent shatters into a group of individuals, who seem to get no leadership from Barry Switzer.

You never hear reports of off-the-field problems for the Rangers. This is very important for a team to succeed. If you don't agree, just ask the Cowboys. Right now, with all their off-field problems, they are a team more fit for the tabloids than the sports page.

Maybe Irvin's return will provide the Cowboys a spark and they can start winning again on a regular basis. But they still have a lot of work to do if they want to be the same team they once were.

After the Rangers blew a nine-game lead going into the final weeks of the season, hearing everyone say, "Here we go again," they simply stuck together, didn't panic and didn't give up. Now we'll see if the Cowboys can do the same.

Apache Sports

Oct. 14

Volleyball vs. Jacksonville College at 7 p.m. in Jacksonville

Oct. 16

Volleyball vs. Lon Morris College here at 7 p.m.

Oct. 17

Football vs. Ranger College here at 7 p.m. at Rose Stadium

Oct. 18

Volleyball vs. Collin County Community College at 3 p.m. in Plano

Volleyball vs. Frank Phillips at 5 p.m. in Plano.

Oct. 21

Volleyball vs. Panola College here at 7 p.m.

Oct. 23

Volleyball vs. Navarro College here at 7 p.m.

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Soccer team wins, ranks No. 10

The Apaches are 10-2-1 so far through the season and ranked No. 10 in the nation.

The Apaches have games Oct. 18 at Richland College in Dallas at 7 p.m. and at Hinds Community College Oct. 27 at 1 p.m.

Junior College Football Poll

The top 15 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association with first place votes in parenthesis and their records through Oct. 11.

1. Blinn, Tx (6)	5-0
2. Dixie, Utah (3)	5-0
3. Coffeyville, Kan	5-0
4. Snow, Utah	5-0
5. Wahpeton, ND	5-0
6. Nassau, NY	5-0
7. Ellsworth, Iowa	5-0
8. Garden City, Iowa	5-1
9. East Central, Miss.	5-0
10. Tyler, Tx	4-1
11. Grand Rapids, Mich	5-1
12. Glendale, Ariz.	4-2
13. Vermillion, Minn.	5-0
14. Navarro, Tx	3-2
15. Montgomery, Md.	4-1

Apaches rebound, win, rise to No. 2 in rankings

Chris Stegman
sports editor

Head Football Coach Dale Carr's team responded nicely after their first loss of the season to Blinn College, by rallying to beat Northeastern Oklahoma A&M 31-28.

The Apaches were trailing 28-10 in the fourth quarter but had 3 touchdowns, the last one coming with 18 seconds left to propel them over NEO.

The Apaches hosted Navarro College last weekend and had an offensive outburst

pounding the Bulldogs 56-27, racking up 646 total yards of offense, and bumping them to No. 10 in the nation.

Sophomore Quarterback Kenneth "Smoke" Harrison completed 21 of 38 racking up 367 yards and 2 touchdowns. Freshman Running Back LeJon Jefferson racked up 150 yards rushing and 2 TD's.

The Apaches (4-1) are now alone in second place trailing only No. 1 in the country Blinn College. TJC will travel to Cisco for another conference game at 3 p.m. Saturday.

Tennis coach honored

Chris Stegman
sports editor

The United States Professional Tennis Player's Association named Head Tennis Coach John Peterson Coach of the Year at their convention in La Quinta, CA Sept. 22.

Peterson, who came to TJC after coaching at different secondary schools, led the men's team to their third straight national title last spring. His men's teams also won titles in 1990

and 1991. His women's teams captured titles in 1989 and three straight in 1993-1995.

"I'm excited to be considered for such an honor," Peterson said. "There are many coaches across the country who deserve this kind of recognition. I'm flattered to be their selection."

Peterson was promoted to Intercollegiate Athletics Director last June, but continues his work as the head coach of Men's and Women's Tennis.

Apache Spotlight

Apache Spotlight will feature athletes chosen by writers in concurrence with coaches. Photos and information by John Bass



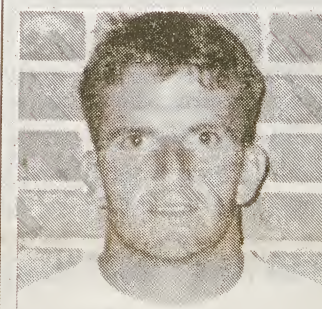
Sophomore Brent Green, Free Safety, Cy-Fair High School
"I just want our team to have a successful season and win a national title," Green said.

The first game of his senior year Green hit a running back so hard it knocked both himself and the runner out.

Freshman Garna Grant, Outside Hitter, Needville High School

"She can score many points for us," Head Volleyball Coach Dana Hatch said.

Grant was first team all-district and team captain her senior year.



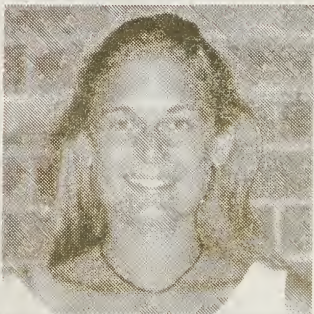
Sophomore Robert Nicholson, Defenseman Wiglaw, Scotland
"We want to win a national championship," Nicholson said.

He was a member of the British Marines before coming to play soccer for TJC. Scored game winning goal to send advance team to semi-finals.

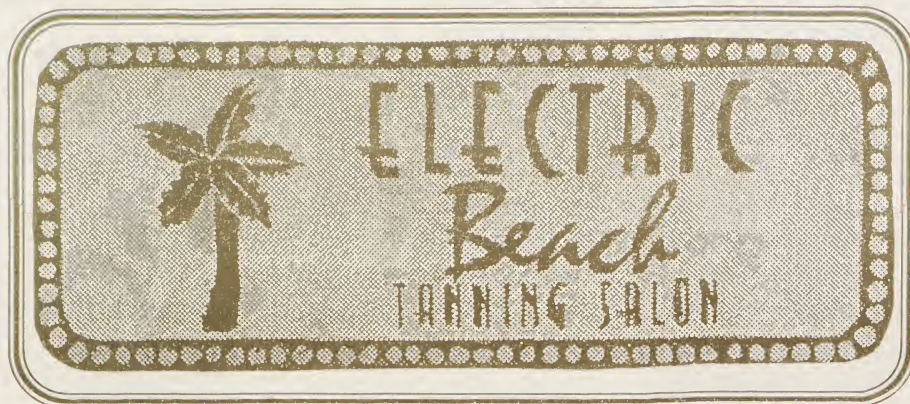
Sophomore Chrissie Werdinig, Tennis, Saarbruecken, Germany

"I want to improve my game and win the national championship," Werdinig said.

She speaks four languages, is ranked No. 6 in the nation and will be nominated for the NJCAA Academic All-American team.



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